PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN

Worship Plan for Sunday, November 9, 2025 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN: "Let It Be a Hallelujah"

Take my life and let it be
My soul devoted Lord to Thee
Take my moments and all my days
Make them endless praise
Take my heart and let it move
In spirit and in truth
For the glory of Your name

With every breath that's in me With every song and melody Let it be a hallelujah In every breaking moment
In every blessing that You give
Let it be a hallelujah
Oh Lord, let it be a hallelujah

All my hopes and all my fears
Every trial, every tear
In the chaos, You remain
Faithful all the way
Through the victories
Through the scars
Let me echo who You are
For the glory of Your name

With every breath that's in me
With every song and melody
Let it be a hallelujah
In every breaking moment
In every blessing that You give
Oh, let it be a hallelujah
Oh, Lord, let it be a hallelujah

Oh, let it be a hallelujah
Let it be a hallelujah
Nothing, but a hallelujah to You, God, yeah
Let it be a hallelujah
All my life, a hallelujah
Let it be a hallelujah to You, God

With every breath that's in me
With every song and melody
Let it be, let it be, oh
In every breaking moment
In every blessing that You give, oh
Let it be a hallelujah

Oh, I pray
Oh, let it be a hallelujah, ohh
Oh, let it be a hallelujah
All my life a hallelujah to You, God

Oh, let it be a hallelujah, ohh
Oh, let it be a hallelujah
All my life a hallelujah to You, God

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



SING HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray. . . .

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

TODAY's THEME: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me under the shadow of your wings.

- Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;

in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

- ⁶ I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Here ends the reading.

VERSE



GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.



Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

- ²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."
- ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.



PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Counting My Blessings"

It's like it was yesterday
I was a praying for a miracle
Scared to have a little hope
And now looking back today
Seeing all the things You've done
I can't even add them up

One, two, three up to infinity I'd run out of numbers Before I could thank You for everything

God, I'm still counting my blessings
For all that You've done in my life
The more that I look in the details
The more of Your goodness I find
Father on this side of heaven
I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

And I know that seasons never last forever So, God I will remember all of the reasons My heart has to be grateful All the times You've been faithful to me

God, I'm still counting my blessings
For all that You've done in my life
The more that I look in the details
The more of Your goodness I find
Father on this side of heaven
I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

Oh, I can't count that high High, oh, high Oh, Your goodness, Your goodness

One, two, three up to infinity I'd run out of numbers Before I could thank You for everything

God, I'm still counting my blessings For all that You've done in my life The more that I look in the details
The more of Your goodness I find
Father on this side of heaven
I know that I'll run out of time
But I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high
I will keep counting my blessings
Knowing I can't count that high

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and

protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body (*especially*). Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abba Father, in our busy lives we don't take the time away from the distractions of this world to speak with you as we should, hear now the prayers that we offer in the silence of our hearts. *A brief silence*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

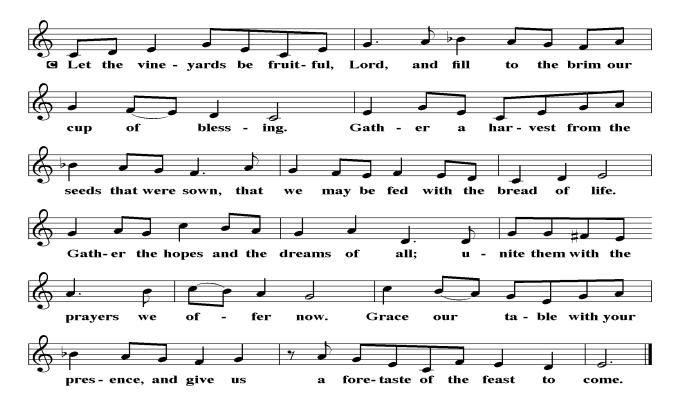
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING



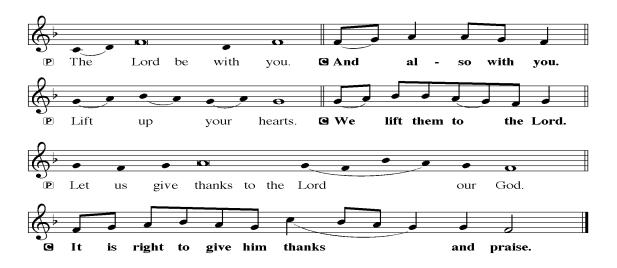
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

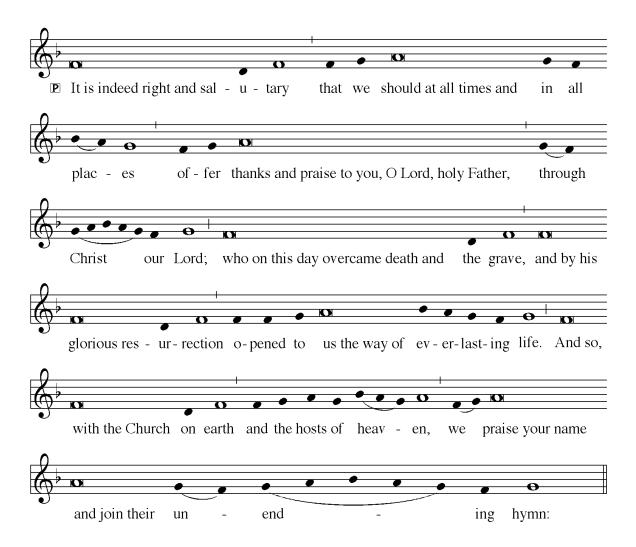
Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

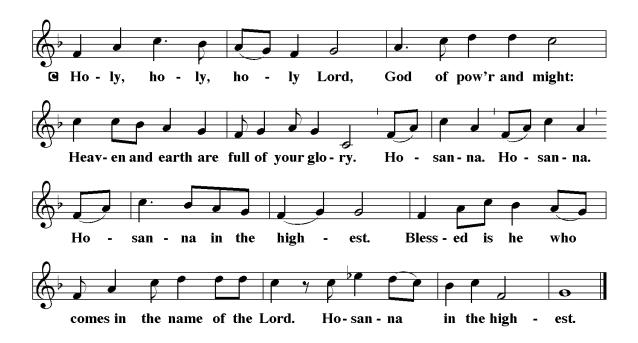
DIALOGUE



PREFACE



SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish,

but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

On the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, blessed it;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

Take and drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,

We proclaim our Lord's death until he comes again.

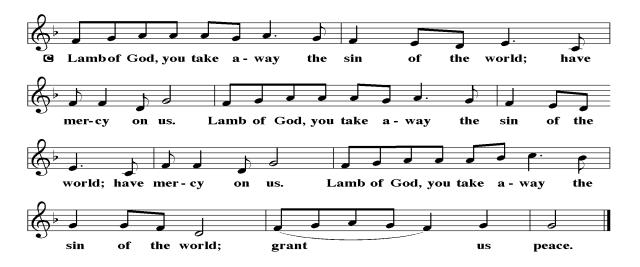
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

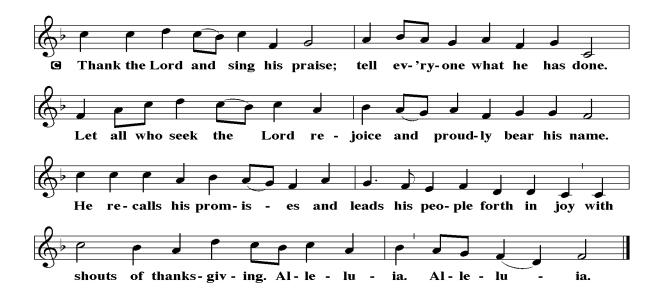
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *After each, the communicant responds: C: Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. *C: Amen*



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: "I Thank God"

Wandering into the night
Wanting a place to hide
This weary soul, this bag of bones
I tried with all my might
But I just can't win the fight
I'm slowly drifting
Oh, vagabond
And just when I ran out of road

I met a man I didn't know And he told me that I was not alone

He picked me up
He turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
Because He healed my heart
And changed my name
Forever free, I am not the same
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
I thank God

I cannot deny what I've seen Got no choice but to believe My doubts are burning Ohh, like ashes in the wind So, so long to my old friends Burden and bitterness

You can just keep them moving
For you ain't welcome here
From now 'til I walk the streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home

He picked me up
He turned me around
He placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
Because He healed my heart
And changed my name
Forever free, I'm not the same
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
Oh, I thank God

Oh, I thank God Oh, I thank God Oh, I thank God Hell lost another one, I am free Oh, I am free, oh, I am free

Hell lost another one, I am free I am free, oh, I am free

Hell lost another one, I am free Oh, I am free (yes), I am free

He picked me up
He turned me around
He placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
Because He healed my heart (healed my heart)
He changed my name
Forever free, I'm not the same
I thank the Master
I thank the Savior
I thank God

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. *C: Thanks be to God.*

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